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NASA FOR DENNIS WILLIAMS, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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SUBJECT: REMOTE SENSING

1. THE INSTITUTO GEOGRAFICO MILITAR (PERUVIAN ARMY MAPPING AGENCY) HAS APPROACHED THE MAAG REGARDING POSSIBLE USG ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING IMPROVED REMOTE SENSING CAPABILITY. THE INSTITUTE HAS ALREADY HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH US COMMERCIAL FIRMS. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO AVOID MISTAKES IN DEVELOPING THE SYSTEM AND IN PROCURMENT, THE INSTITUTE HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM THE USG REGARDING HOW TO DETERMINE WHAT EQUIPMENT IS NECESSARY, EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVE SYSTEMS, ETC. MMAG HAS QUERIED DOD RE PRICE AND AVAILABILITY OF SOME SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT. DOD RESPONSE WAS THAT THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT IS PART OF THE NASA CONFIGURATION FOR LANDSAT AND, THEREFORE, SUCH INFORMATION SHOULD BE OBTAINED DIRECTLY FROM NASA.

A. THREE COPIES OF GAMMA RAY SPECTROMETERS (4 CHANNEL) SIMILAR TO DATA SYSTEM ACQUISITION MODEL G-704, POSSIBLY MANUFACTURED BY GEOMETRICS OF SUNNYVALE, CALIF., OR BY BENDIX CORP.

B. MULTI-SPECTRAL DATA ANALYSIS SYTEM TO PROCESS INFORMATION FED IN FROM AIRBORNE SYSTEM, POSSIBLY MANU-
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FACTURED BY BENDIX.

C. NECESSARY INTERFACE EQUIPMENT (HARDWARE/SOFTWARE)
TO TIE IN GROUND STATION TO MONITOR AND RECEIVE LANDSAT
DATA.

2. IN ADDITION, INSTITUTE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THREE
COPIES OF SIDE LOOKING AIRBORNE RADAR (SLAR) SYSTEM
SIMILAR TO SYSTEM USED BY US ARMY BUILT BY GOODYEAR/
WESTINGHOUSE WHICH, ACCORDING TO DOD, IS CLASSIFIED
ITEM.

3. THE INSTITUTE'S ACTION OFFICER ON REMOTE SENSING IS
PREPARED TO TRAVEL TO THE US FOR CONSULTATIONS IF THIS
IS DEEMED ADVISABLE. ACCORDING TO HIM, PRESIDENT MORALES
BERMUDEZ PERSONALLY INITIATED THE IDEA OF DEVELOPING A
REMOTE SENSING CAPABILITY WITHI THE PERUVIAN ARMY
MAPPING AGENCY AND IS FOLLOWING PROGRESS CLOSELY.
BECAUSE OF THIS KEEN INTEREST ON HIS PART, AS WELL
AS A POSSIBLE SALE OF UP TO \$20 MILLION IN US GOODS
AND SERVICES (THE INSTITUTE HAS ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST
IN PURCHASING THE NECESSARY AIRCRAFT FOR THE SYSTEM
FROM THE US), WE RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND
NASA CONSIDER WHAT TYPE OF ASSISTANCE WE CAN OFFER TO
THE INSTITUTE. DEAN

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